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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please ^{insert} ~~replace~~ Page 1, ^{before} paragraph 1, with the following amended paragraph to
update information:

a₁ - This is a continuation of prior application number 09/804,407, filed March 12, 2001,
now US Patent No. 6,683,431, B2,
which is a continuation of application number 09/536,832, filed March 27, 2000, now
US Patent No. 6,229,276, which is a divisional application of 09/161,840 filed
September 28, 1998, now US Patent No. 6,172,475, which are hereby incorporated
herein by reference in its entirety.

Please add the following paragraph on Page 1, before **BACKGROUND OF THE
INVENTION:**

a₂ --A computer program listing appendix submitted to the United States Patent and
Trademark Office on a Compact Disk named Codelisting.txt. in duplicate is
incorporated herewith by reference.--

MOVABLE BARRIER OPERATOR

Background of the Invention

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This invention relates generally to movable barrier operators for operating movable barriers or doors. More particularly, it relates to garage door operators having improved safety and energy efficiency features.

Garage door operators have become more sophisticated over the years providing users with increased convenience and security. However, users continue to desire further improvements and new features such as increased energy efficiency, ease of installation, automatic configuration, and aesthetic features, such as quiet, smooth operation.

In some markets energy costs are significant. Thus energy efficiency options such as lower horsepower motors and user control over the worklight functions are important to garage door operator owners. For example, most garage door operators have a worklight which turns on when the operator is commanded to move the door and shuts off a fixed period of time after the door stops. In the United States, an illumination period of 4 1/2 minutes is considered adequate. In markets outside the United States, 4 1/2 minutes is considered too long. Some garage door operators have special safety features, for example, which enable the worklight whenever the obstacle detection beam is broken by an intruder passing through an open garage door. Some users may wish to disable the worklight in this situation. There is a need for a garage door operator which can be automatically configured for predefined energy saving features, such as worklight shut-off time.

Some movable barrier operators include a flasher module which causes a small light to flash or blink whenever the barrier is commanded to move. The flasher module provides some warning when the barrier is moving. There is a need for an improved flasher unit which